AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of~~ A method for the diagnosis of candidiasis or invasive candidiasis comprising assaying with a combination of an IgG2 antibody to a phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*, and an IgG1 antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen, and glucan ~~for the diagnosis of candidiasis or invasive candidiasis~~.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of~~ A method for the diagnosis of candidiasis or invasive candidiasis comprising assaying with an antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen or to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans* ~~for the diagnosis of candidiasis or invasive candidiasis~~.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A method according to claim 2, wherein said antibody is an IgG2 antibody.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A method according to claim 2, wherein said antibody is an IgG1 antibody.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A method according to claim 2, wherein said antibody is an IgG3 antibody.

Claim 6. (Original) Diagnostic kit for the diagnosis of candidiasis or invasive candidiasis comprising

- means for drawing a sample from a patient;
- means for an assay for the detection of a combination of an IgG2 antibody to a phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*, and an IgG1 antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen, and glucan, wherein said sample is analyzed for the presence of the simultaneous presence of an IgG2 antibody to a phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*, and an IgG1 antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen, and glucan.

Claim 7. (Original) The diagnostic kit according to claim 6, wherein said assay is a sandwich ELISA assay.

Claim 8. (Original) Diagnostic kit for the diagnosis of candidiasis or invasive candidiasis comprising

- means for drawing a sample from a patient;
- means for an assay for the detection of an antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen or to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C* albicans, wherein said sample is analyzed for the presence of an antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen or to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*.

Claim 9. (Original) The diagnostic kit according to claim 8, wherein said antibody is an IgG2 antibody.

Claim 10. (Original) The diagnostic kit according to claim 8, wherein said antibody is an IgG1 antibody.

Claim 11. (Original) The diagnostic kit according to claim 8, wherein said antibody is an IgG3 antibody.

Claim 12. (Original) The diagnostic kit according to ~~any one of the claims 8-11~~ claim 8, wherein said assay is a sandwich ELISA assay.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A method for diagnosing candidiasis or invasive candidiasis in a patient comprising

- drawing a sample from the patient, and
- performing an assay for the detection of an IgG2 antibody to a phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*, and an IgG1 antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen, and glucan, wherein the simultaneous presence of an IgG2 antibody to a phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*, and an IgG1 antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen, and glucan indicates candidiasis or invasive candidiasis in the patient.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A method for diagnosing candidiasis or invasive candidiasis in a patient comprising

- drawing a sample from the patient, and
- performing an assay for the detection of an antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen or to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*, wherein the presence of an antibody to a *C albicans* cell wall antigen or to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans* indicates candidiasis or invasive candidiasis in the patient.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of~~ A method for the diagnosis of candidemia or invasive Candida infection comprising assaying with an antibody ~~for the diagnosis of candidemia or invasive Candida infection~~.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A method according to claim15, wherein said antibody is an IgG antibody to a native cell wall fragment of *C albicans*.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A method according to claim 15, wherein said antibody is an IgG antibody to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A method according to claim 16 ~~or 17~~, wherein said IgG antibody is a human serum IgG antibody.

Claim 19. (Original) Diagnostic kit for the diagnosis of candidemia or invasive Candida infection comprising

- means for drawing a sample from a patient;
- means for an assay for the detection of an IgG antibody to a native cell wall fragment of *C albicans* or an IgG antibody to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C* albicans, wherein said sample is analyzed for the presence of an IgG antibody to a native cell wall fragment of *C albicans* or an IgG antibody to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*.

Claim 20. (Original) The diagnostic kit according to claim 19, wherein said assay is a sandwich ELISA assay.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) The diagnostic kit according to claim 19 ~~or~~ 20, wherein said antibody is a human serum IgG antibody.

Claim 22. (Original) A method for diagnosing candidemia or invasive Candida infection in a patient comprising

- drawing a sample from the patient, and
- performing an assay for the detection of an IgG antibody to a native cell wall fragment of *C albicans* or an IgG antibody to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans*, wherein the presence of an IgG antibody to a native cell wall fragment of *C albicans* or an IgG

antibody to a solubilized phosphopeptidomannan (PPM) fraction of the cell wall of *C albicans* indicates candidemia or invasive Candida infection in the patient.

Claim 23. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein said antibody is a human serum IgG antibody.

Claim 24. (New) The diagnostic kit according to claim 9, wherein said assay is a sandwich ELISA assay.

Claim 25. (New) The diagnostic kit according to claim 10, wherein said assay is a sandwich ELISA assay.

Claim 26. (New) The diagnostic kit according to claim 11, wherein said assay is a sandwich ELISA assay.

Claim 27. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein said IgG antibody is a human serum IgG antibody.

Claim 28. (New) The diagnostic kit according to claim 20, wherein said antibody is a human serum IgG antibody.